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## MEMORANDUM

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To: Nevada School District Superintendents  
Nevada Food Service Directors

From: Donnell Barton, Director  
Office of Child Nutrition and School Health

Subject: Free and Reduced Lunch Count Date

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On August 30, 2005, I sent a letter to the superintendents announcing that the due date for the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) count was changed to October 1<sup>st</sup>. On September 19th, we received a guidance memo from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) stating that the *verification date* for Free and Reduced Lunch applications is October 1<sup>st</sup> and that the *count date* for Free and Reduced Lunch applications *would remain October 31<sup>st</sup>*.

We apologize for this misunderstanding. USDA had decided that one count date would be more efficient for school districts but after learning of the fiscal impact from this change, USDA confirmed that October 31<sup>st</sup> would remain the count date.

By October 15<sup>th</sup>, you will have received the FRL Count Form to report your district's Free and Reduced Lunch applications, by school.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 775-687-7284.

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